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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Saba Tsegaye	2616	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 January 2006.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This Office Action is in response to the amendment filed on 01/19/06. Claims 1-4 are pending. Currently no claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Kazmi et al. (US 2002/0159416).

Regarding claim 1, Kazmi discloses a method for frequency and channel assignment for sectors in a spread spectrum communications system, the method comprising:

modulating a message on a first synchronization channel transmitted on at least one first frequency from at least one sector (*it is inherent to modulate a data [for example: adjusting its power; transposing at the correct burst frequency etc.] Fig. 1 shows: a communication path includes a radio link formed between a base station 12 and the appropriate mobile station 14 [14a is constructed to be operable pursuant to IS-95 standard; and 14b is constructed to be operable pursuant to IS-2000 standard]. Each radio link 26 includes a forward CDMA channel 27 and a reverse CDMA channel 28; as is known in the art that a forward link and a reverse link are allocated separate frequencies);*

modifying the message to generate a single modified message beginning with a Protocol Revision (P REV) field and ending with an Extended CDMA frequency Assignment (EXT CDMA FREQ) field (TYPE II message 400 includes P_REV 330 and EXT_CDMA_FREQ206; see figs. 4, 5 and 6; TYPE II sync paragraph 0039-0042);

modulating the modified message on a second synchronization channel transmitted on at least one second frequency from the at least one sector (0037-0039).

Regarding claim 2, Kazmi discloses the method wherein the modulating a message on a first synchronization channel transmitted on at least one first frequency from the at least one sector comprises: modulating a Sync channel Message on a first synchronization channel transmitted on at least one first frequency from the at least one sector (0037).

Regarding claim 3, Kazmi discloses the method wherein the modulating a modified message on a second synchronization channel transmitted on at least one second frequency from the at least one sector comprises: modulating the modified Sync Channel Message on a second synchronization channel transmitted on at least one second frequency from the at least one sector (0039).

Regarding claim 4, Kazmi discloses the method wherein the modulating the modified message on a second synchronization channel transmitted on at least one second frequency from the at least one sector comprises: deleting at least one field from a message (0036).

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-4 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

3. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Saba Tsegaye whose telephone number is (571) 272-3091. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:30-5:00), First Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doris To can be reached on (571) 272-7629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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March 21, 2006



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